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SUMMARY: EXPRESSO ARTICLE SUGGESTS GOP WILL REQUEST MILITARY ASSISTANCE, LONG TERM CEREAL SUPPLIES AT SPECIAL PRICES, AND THE PAYMENT OF A HIGH ANNUAL RENT IN RETURN FOR AZORES BASE AGREEMENT. END SUMMARY.

1. WE ARE REPEATING IN FULL AUGUST 10 ARTICLE FROM WEEKLY EXPRESSO CONCERNING THE AZORES NEGOTIATIONS. AS INDICTED IN REFTEL, EXPRESSO, THE MOST RESPECTED AND INFLUENTIAL NEWSPAPER IN PORTUGAL, APPEARS TO BE GETTING ITS INFORMATION THROUGH AUTHORITATIVE LEAKS FROM GOP.

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2. UNDER THE HEADING "AGREEMENT ON LAJES" THE ARTICLE

STATE:

QUOTE ACCORDING TO WELL INFORMED CIRCLES, THE PORTUGUESE PROPOSAL FOR THE INAUGURATION OF THE AGREEMENT ON THE LAJES BASES WOULD INCLUDE THREE SUB-PROPOSALS: MILITARY SUPPORTT FOR THE RENEWAL OF PORTUGUESE MILITARY EQUIPMENT; THE GRANTING OF CEREALS ON A LONG TERM BASIS, WITH CONTINUOUS SUPPLIES AND AT SPECIAL RATES; AND THE PAYMENT OF A HIGH ANNUAL RENT BY THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. IN ADDITION, A PROPOSAL ALSO APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN MADE FOR THE GRANT OF THE OCEANOGRAPHIC VESSEL FOR HIGH SEA EXPLORATIONS OF THE AZORES. SOME QUESTIONS SEEM TO HAVE ARISEN REGARDING THE AMOUNT OF THE ANNUAL RENT AND THE RENTAL FORMULA ITSELF, WHICH THE UNITED STATES HAS ADOPTED ONLY IN THE CASE OF PANAMA, THE US PREFERRING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN OVERALL CREDIT CORRESPONDING TO THE PERIOD OF THE CONCESSION. UNQUOTE.
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